



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

28th January 2024



This Week's Special Feasts



Thursday 1st February: Feast of St. Brigid.

This year marks the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid's death and celebrations are being held especially in her native Co. Kildare. Check www.brigid1500.ie for details.

In St. Brigid's Church in Killester, Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10am and special novena prayers will continue each day until Sunday 4th Feb.



Friday 2nd February: Candlemas Day

If you have candles to be blessed, please bring them to the 10.30 Mass on Friday and keep them with you as Fr. Richard blesses them.



Saturday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise

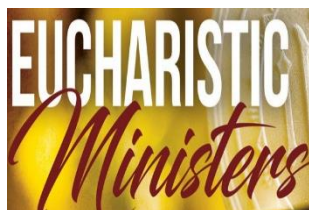
Blessing of throats will take place at the 10.30am Mass on Saturday. Since the eighth century, St. Blaise has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those with illnesses of the throat. He is believed to have miraculously saved a young boy who nearly died when a fishbone stuck in his throat.

Do This in Memory of Me

Today we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families to the 6pm Mass for this month's special Mass of Preparation.

Their next Preparation Mass on **Sunday 10th March** will be a very special one as the children will be asked to invite their **GRANDPARENTS** for a special celebration. Put it in the diary!

PRAYER FRIENDS Many thanks to all who have returned their Prayer Frind cards. Please just write your card and get it back to us. Mislaid cards are easily replaced, lost letters are sadly irreplaceable. We have handed out 66 letters and still have one more class so will be looking for your help again after Mass, or drop into the parish office during the week.



Marie Clynes has very kindly taken over the Eucharistic Ministers rota and is very grateful to all who responded to her recent call for serving ministers to confirm whether or not you wish to continue to serve and your preferred weekend Mass. There are still a few we have not heard from so, if this is you, please contact Marie on **089 483 8659**.

Also if you would be willing to serve as a Eucharistic Minster, we do need you - Please contact Marie for a chat.